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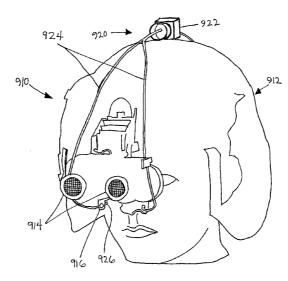
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(57) Abstract: Biosensor, communicator, and/or controller apparatus, systems, and methods are provided for monitoring movement of a person's eye. The apparatus includes a device configured to be worn on a user's head, a light source for directing light towards one or both eyes of the user, one or more image guides on the device for viewing one or both eyes of the user, and one or more cameras carried on the device and coupled to the image guides for acquiring images of the eyes and/or the user's surroundings. The apparatus may include a cable and/or a transmitter for transmitting image data from the camera to a remote location, e.g., to processor and/or display for analyzing and/or displaying the image data. A system including the apparatus may be used to monitor one or more oculometric parameters, e.g., pupillary response, and/or to control a computer using the user's eyes instead of a mouse.





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Apparatus for monitoring the eyes of a person comprising two optical fiber bundles connecting each acquiring an image of an eye and transmitting it to a single image converter (CCD or CMOS)

1.1. claim: 31

Method of monitoring movement of a person's eye comprising the step of generating a graphical output of the movement

2. claims: 21-30

System for identifying a pupil of the eye

3. claim: 32

Method of monitoring the time to return to relaxed state after light pulsing inducing dilatation of the pupil.

4. claims: 33-42

System and method to control a cursor using eye tracking

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